GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5166
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CRITERIA OF POVERTY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed the definition of poverty based on a definition as proposed by the Lakdawala Committee of 1993;

(b) if so, whether the Government has proposed to set a fresh criteria to measure poverty during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): Yes, Sir. The definition of poverty fixed by the Government is based on the recommendations made by the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor in 1993. The Expert Group was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. D. T. Lakdawala.

(b) : No, Sir. The Planning Commission has used the criteria outlined in the Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor to measure poverty in the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

(c) : Does not arise.